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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 8, 12, 14 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 8, 12, 14 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the communication filed on 01/27/2004.
2. Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 15-17, 19, 20 are cancelled.
3. Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 14 and 18 are pending.

Response to Amendment

4. The objection of claims 1-20 has been withdrawn due to the amendment.
5. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of claims 14-20 has been withdrawn due to the amendment.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments on the rejections of claims 1-20 are moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Consider claim 14, the claim recites "a computer program product stored on a computer readable medium comprising computer instructions ... the method comprising." "The method" lacks antecedent basis. It is vague

whether applicant intends to claim a computer program, a computer readable medium or a method. If it is intended to claim a computer program, suggested amendment is as follows: "a computer program stored on a computer readable medium comprising computer instructions ... the computer instructions comprising." Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sullivan et al. (US 2002/0085579, hereafter Sullivan), in view of O'Neil et al. (US 6,330,710, hereafter O'Neil).

11. For claim 1, Sullivan discloses a computer implemented method to provide a homepage identifier to a client computing device, the method comprising:

receiving, over a computer network, at a redirection web site (fig. 2, registry server, a redirection web site now is just a name without specifying its functionality), a home page request from a client computing device ([0032], lines 3-5, browser looks up a home page in the registry server), the home page request including a user identifier

that identifies a user of the client device (fig. 1, user ID), wherein the redirection web site performs the steps including:

obtaining a timestamp identifying a current time and a current day (abstract, fig. 1, [0091], time and date can be used as an identifier in combination with one or more other identifier(s) in a n-dimensional request for an appropriate homepage);

obtaining one or more network connection identifiers that identify one or more computer networks to which the client computing device is connected from the home page request (fig. 1, connection identifier specifying home network ... as compared to work and home network identifiers in fig. 3 of the specification),

retrieving, from a nonvolatile storage device, the home page identifier (fig. 1, [0091], a homepage retrieval from the registry); wherein the retrieving further comprises:

selecting, from the nonvolatile storage device, one or more records that correspond to the user identifier (fig. 1, n dimensional record corresponding to user ID), wherein the nonvolatile storage device includes records for a plurality of user identifiers (fig. 1, user ID); and

identifying, from the group of selected records, the home page identifier based upon the timestamp (fig. 1, [0091], combination of user ID and current timestamp) and the obtained network connection identifiers (fig. 1, connection location ID);

Sullivan does not explicitly disclose setting a browser's home page to the retrieved home page identifier; wherein the setting of the browser's home page includes redirecting the browser executing on the client computing device to the retrieved home page identifier.

However, O'Neil discloses a redirection response from a server to a client device; the redirection response redirects client's browser to retrieve a web page corresponding to a redirected URL in the response (col. 6 lines 48-52).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Sullivan and O'Neil to redirect client's browser using a redirection server so that home page requests of Sullivan can be redirected to their corresponding web pages automatically, therefore increase efficiency of Sullivan's system.

12. For claim 8, the claim is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 1. Sullivan-O'Neil further discloses an information handling system comprising: one or more processors; a memory accessible by the processors; a nonvolatile storage device; one or more network adapters connecting the information handling system to one or more computer networks; and an home page selection tool for selecting a home page (Sullivan, fig. 2, registry server with processor, memory, storage device, and network adapter for collecting and retrieving homepage from requests made by client devices)

13. For claim 14, the claim is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 1.

14. For claims 5, 12 and 18, the claims are rejected as in claims 1, 8 and 14. Sullivan-O'Neil further discloses the obtaining of the timestamp includes retrieving a current timestamp from the home page request, wherein the current timestamp

corresponds to the current time and the current day at the client computing device (Sullivan, [0091], date and time information is current timestamp from a user home page request when multiple registry keys apply to date and time).

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu T. Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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